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Director Frakes Submits First Biennial Budget

LINCOLN, Neb. – In his first biennial budget submission as NDCS Director Scott Frakes today requested 164.5 new full-time employees (FTE), a \$75 million construction project and almost \$700,000 to support the delivery of evidence-based programming.

Director Frakes did submit a mid-biennium budget request during the 2016 legislative session for \$14 million.

Agency budget requests are submitted to the Governor and Legislature no later than September 15, reviewed for technical accuracy and completeness prior to being posted and available on the State Budget Division website. Historically, NDCS has not held briefings to explain its request, but Director Frakes is briefing members of the Appropriations and LR 34 committees due to the interest in the department's recommendations and requests.

“I have and will continue to make every effort to be transparent and accountable,” said Frakes. “Today's budget submission is consistent with the staffing analysis, the master plan and providing programming to prepare prisoners to transition back into the community. Our priority, reflected in this budget, is to keep people safe.”

HIGHLIGHTS:

ENDING COUNTY JAIL PROGRAM

STAFF: 164.5

PROTECTIVE SERVICES STAFF

FY18: 48 FTE Protective Services

- Lincoln Correctional Center (LCC): 14 Sergeants, 30 Corporals
- Diagnostic and Evaluation Center (DEC): 1 Sergeant and 3 Corporals

FY19: 48 FTE Protective Services

- Nebraska State Penitentiary (NSP): 8 Sergeants, 17 Corporals
- Omaha Correctional Center (OCC): 20 Corporals
- Tecumseh State Correction Institution (TSCI): 3 Sergeants

*Protective Services staff requests for both FY18 and 19 are budgeted to phase in at 12 FTE per quarter. This pace is an achievable goal based on current efforts to improve NDCS retention rates for current staff openings. NDCS is addressing staff retention by improving staff safety, staff culture, internal communications, as well as providing retention bonuses, additional training resources, and working with the State Employee Union to increase staff salaries and performance pay opportunities.

PROGRAMMING STAFF

- 1.5 FTE to provide education services at OCC and TSCI
- 7 FTE to support Cognitive Behavioral Intervention Programing: Clinical Program Manager, Clinical Program Support, Classification Administrator, Volunteer Programs Administrator, Grant/Technical Writer, 2 Quality Assurance Coordinators

HEALTH SERVICES STAFF

- 8 FTE to meet the Community Standard of Care: 1 LPN, 4 RNs, 1 Nurse Supervisor, 2 Medical Technologists

OTHER CRITICAL STAFF

- 7 FTE to meet workload demands: Food Service Specialists, Facility Maintenance Specialists, Training Specialist, Intelligence Administrator, and Grievance Coordinator.
- 7 FTE to establish a transportation unit
- 1 FTE: Furniture Shop Supervisor

CAPTIAL CONSTRUCTION

- CCCL Expansion –160-bed female unit
- TSCI Expansion – increase space and inmate jobs in industries
- Reception and Treatment Center – 32-bed skilled nursing facility for acute and serious medical needs and a 32-bed secure behavioral health unit for individuals with serious behavioral health needs.
- Program 914- to supplement infrastructure needs

OTHER:

- Mobile radios for vans
- Database systems for health services, restrictive housing, reporting systems, mainframe system conversion

A summary of the FY 2018-2019 biennial budget is attached.

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Budget Summary

1) Budget Requests Issues:

	Budget Category	#FTE FY 18	PSL	FY 17-18	#FTE FY 19	PSL	FY 18-19
1	Protective Services	55.0	\$2,151,938	\$3,190,484	135.0	\$5,448,063	\$8,072,345
<p>Staffing Analysis: FY 18: increase by 48 FTE: LCC (14 Sergeants, 30 Corporals), DEC (1 Sergeant and 3 Corporals). FY 19 would increase by 48 FTE: NSP (8 Sergeants, 17 Corporals), OCC (20 Corporals), TSCI (3 Sergeants). Both FY 18 & 19 phase in 12 FTE per quarter. An additional 42 FTE will be requested in FY20. FLSA Impacts: Change from exempt to overtime-eligible for Lieutenants, CMSW, CDC Supervisors and Unit Administrators whose base pay is less than \$47,476. Temporary 100-bed unit at CCLL: 5 custody positions Agency Facilities Construction Coordinator to help with major construction projects. RTC Construction Coordinator II to oversee building process and will be the main contact for the project.</p>							
2	Evidence-Based Practices	8.5	\$299,768	\$574,223	8.5	\$409,283	\$691,667
<p>1.5 FTE for teachers to provide education services at OCC and TSCI. Reentry programming/transition services at TSCI. 7 FTE to support the delivery of Cognitive Behavioral Interventions (CBI) programming (Clinical Program Manager, Clinical Program Support, Classification Administrator, Volunteer Programs Administrator, Grant/Technical Writer, 2 Quality Assurance Coordinators).</p>							
3	Health Services	8.0	\$312,126	\$701,034	8.0	\$319,619	\$508,941
<p>An eMar System provides tracking of the drugs administered to a patient at a facility by our providers; will increase the efficiency of how the medications are distributed and eliminate the need for large amounts of paper and have medications signed for electronically when delivered; cost is \$54,000 annually & \$52,416 in Capital Equipment. One-time consultant fee to develop a planning engagement document for an electronic health records system. 8 FTE to more efficiently meet the Community Standard of Care (1 LPN, 4 RNs, 1 Nurse Supervisor, 2 Medical Technologists).</p>							
4	Critical Under Resourced Issues	14.0	\$594,060	(\$3,647,372)	14.0	\$608,317	(\$3,636,435)
<p>Positions are needed to meet internal and external workload demands, including: Food Service Specialists, Facility Maintenance Specialists, a Training Specialist, an Intelligence Administrator, and a Grievance Coordinator. Funding to fully-fund a position required by LB 867, but only funded for half of the year. Removal of County Jail Program. 7 FTE to establish a Transportation Unit to coordinate all transfers between NDCS facilities, pick up out-state parole violators, absconders, medical transport orders, court transports, and reentry paroles and discharges.</p>							
5	Information Technology & Radios	(3.0)	(\$185,261)	\$741,580	(3.0)	(\$185,261)	\$740,950
<p>Contractual services from OCIO to address changes needed to the database system such as restrictive housing changes and inmate misconduct reporting system. OCIO rate increases, which are based on FTE. Includes an offset of reduced costs. Annual fees for mobile radios for vans is \$18,000 per year. Transfer of IS staff to the OCIO</p>							
6	Enterprise Issues	0.0	\$2,474,889	\$4,473,030	0.0	\$5,009,174	\$9,298,112
<p>Placeholder estimate for salary increases. The actual amounts will be determined through the collective bargaining process. All state agencies are including an estimate of this Enterprise Issue using FY 17 increases. Health Insurance Increase: Estimated 8% health insurance increase.</p>							
TOTAL General Funds		82.5	\$5,647,520	\$6,032,979	162.5	\$11,609,195	\$15,675,580

7	Use of Revolving Funds	0.0		\$700,000	0.0		\$700,000
<p>One-Time CIT Project: Converting the mainframe system for Inmate Accounting to the NiCaMS system.</p>							
8	Cash Fund Appropriation Increase (one-time)	0.0		\$1,000,000	0.0		
<p>On-time cash fund appropriation increase of \$1M to reduce the cash fund balance, providing the ability to respond to variability in receipt of revenues and provide funding for NDCS budget issues.</p>							
9	Revolving Funded Program Issues	1.0	\$44,268	\$61,002	2.0	\$80,755	\$121,417
<p>The FY2019 building addition at TSCI to expand furniture shop will require an additional supervisor. This position is a new request that will not be filled until the end of FY2019, but needs to be included in the FY2017-FY2019 Biennium Budget. A second position will provide operational management expertise for daily shop operations at LCC. Will have functional and coverage duties for LCC and technical business units at NSP.</p>							

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2) Increase/Decrease by Fund Source (including FTE & PSL):

	FY17	FY18	% Increase	PSL	% Increase	FY19	% Increase	PSL	% Increase
General	\$207,658,501	\$4,852,508	2.3%	\$5,647,520	5.3%	\$15,306,224	7.4%	\$11,609,195	10.9%
FTE General	2355.5	82.5	3.5%			162.5	6.9%		
Cash	\$2,126,000	\$1,000,000	47.0%						
Federal	\$1,762,858								
Revolving	\$18,935,977	\$941,473	5.0%	\$137,673	3.5%	\$1,190,773	6.3%	\$269,806	6.9%
FTE Revolving	93.0	1.0	1.1%			2.0	2.2%		
NCCF	\$8,398,022	\$12,743,519	151.7%			\$8,103,520	96.5%		
PSL	\$106,699,078								
PSL Revolving	\$3,888,017								

3) Capital Construction Requests:

	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19
RTC*		\$14,171,102	\$26,162,038
Program 914	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
TSCI Expansion**		\$2,300,000	\$1,360,000
Security Audit Upgrades		\$552,500	\$552,500
Infrastructure Projects		\$311,300	\$311,300
CCCL Expansion***	\$2,800,000	\$12,743,519	\$8,103,520

*Would also incur estimated construction expense of \$26,162,035 for FY 2020 and \$8,720,678 for FY 2021; staffing expense would begin in FY 2021; total project cost is \$75M

**Funded through Revolving Funds

***Funded through NCCF Funds

4) Overall Request:

	FY 18	FY19
Total FTE Requested	83.5	164.5
Total Dollars Requested	\$37,872,402	\$53,986,355
Total General Fund Dollars Requested	\$4,852,508	\$15,306,224